

## MEETING OF

### THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, January 11, 2006, with the following members in attendance:

William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Ann Visalli Deputy State Treasurer (Representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer)
Dennis Clay, Treasurer	Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)
Alden Hopkins	
W. Allen Jones, Chair of the Governor's Council on Forestry	

Absent: Robert F. Garey and Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Milton Melendez, Howard Mesick, Cathy Mesick, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Phil Tuthill, Grier Stayton, Amanda Jones, and Jim Lampkin.

Vice Chairman Vanderwende opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

#### I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have 441 farms, with 79,921 acres in preservation easements and 80 properties currently with 12,277 acres for Purchase of Development Rights Round 11.

#### II. District Final Approval

1. Coverdale Farm District, ID#N-04-11-240. After discussion, **Dennis Clay moved to accept for final approval the Coverdale Farm District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

#### III. Expansion Eligibility/Approval

1. The Benchoff Expansion of the Norman G. Wilder District, ID#K-05-10-026H. After discussion, **Dennis Clay moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Benchoff Expansion of the Norman G. Wilder District, seconded by Alden Hopkins. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. The M & L Lloyd Expansion of the Whitby District, ID#K-05-10-067F. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the M & L Lloyd Expansion of the Whitby District, seconded by Dennis Clay. Motion unanimously approved.**

3. The Ellers #1 Expansion of Stayton's District, ID#K-05-10-205D. After discussion, **Dennis Clay moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Ellers #1 Expansion of Stayton's District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

4. The Eller's #2 Expansion of Stayton's District, ID#K-05-10-205E. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Eller's #2 Expansion of Stayton's District, seconded by Dennis Clay. Motion unanimously approved.**

5. The Halpern Expansion of the Tappahanna District, ID#K-05-10-291E. After discussion, **Dennis Clay moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Halpern Expansion of the Tappahanna District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

Secretary Scuse waived the veto of the Secretary of Agriculture for the above District and Expansions.

IV. Public Comments – No public comments were received.

V. Minutes – Vice Chairman Vanderwende asked if there were additions or corrections to the December 14, 2005 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **Dennis Clay moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Financial Highlights

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of December 31, 2005, \$26,024.47 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$318,187.37. Revenue for the month of December totaled \$213.81 which came from Sussex County rollback taxes. Expenditures for the month of December totaled \$7,557.84. After discussion, **Dennis Clay moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

Cathy Mesick called the Board's attention to a request from the bookkeeper, Howard Mesick, to transfer funds from the State-held 8022 Other Mapping/Internet budget to the State-held 8022 PDR Mapping and District Mapping budgets, and to create a new Other Mapping/Internet budget in the Foundation checkbook and transfer to it \$11,900 from the existing Foundation checkbook Strategy Map budget. These transfers will not change the overall budget totals. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved to accept the transfer of funds, seconded by Dennis Clay. Motion unanimously approved.**

Michael McGrath presented a letter from Sussex County concerning the funding from them for Purchase of Development Rights Round 11.

VII. Executive Session – No Executive Session was necessary.

VIII. Other Business

1. Murderkill River Estate Expansion of the Miller District, ID#K-98-12-005A – Easement Request for Utility Pipeline.

Ms. Amanda Jones and Mr. James Lampkin presented the request to run utility lines under the access lane on the property with some additional right-of-way. After discussion the Board approved the concept of the easement, but final approval of the Board will be held at the February Foundation meeting, after the legal agreement is presented. It was noted that the impact is not on the agricultural land but under the access lane. Michael Parkowski explained that no commercial advertisements were allowed along the access lane and Michael McGrath explained about the 50' set back concerning any dwelling units. Dr. Moffett the landowner will petition the Board for this easement at the next Foundation meeting.

2. Extension of the Deadline for Purchase of Development Rights Round 12.

Michael Parkowski informed the Board of the need to extend the PDR 12 deadline. Michael McGrath also provided additional information concerning this. After discussion **Dennis Clay moved to extend the deadline of Purchase of Development Rights Round 12 to June 30, 2006, seconded by Allen Jones. Motion unanimously approved.**

Cathy Mesick mentioned that two Board members had terms which were due to expire in February and one Board member's term had already expired in October. Ms. Mesick also asked Michael Parkowski about the deadline for changing the agenda for the State calendar.

Michael McGrath explained the Foundation's current status with the IRS request for information regarding our appraisals.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on February 8, 2006 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lyn Davenport  
Secretary